(b) Yes, Sir. In-principle allocation was made in May 2000 for 2.25 Million Standard Cubic Metre per day (MMSCMD) subject to investment decision being taken by the Management Committee of the Tapti field.

(c) No, Sir. Allocations have been made to both Government organizations and private companies. In Gujarat, the allocations made to PSUs/Govt. organizations are for about 15.98 MMSCMD against the private companies allocations of 9.46 MMSCMD.

Consumption of diesel

1411. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether consumption of diesel has been stagenant or diminishing over the last few years;

(b) if so, whether this is due to rampant adulteration of diesel with Kerosene; and

(c) what steps Government propose to prevent adulteration of diesel?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) While there was a decline in diesel consumption by 3.7% during the year 2001-02, the same has grown by 0.3% and 1.8% during 2002-03 and 2003-04 respectively.

With a view to containing adulteration, a number of steps have been taken by the Government. These *inter alia* include canalizing kerosene imports through State Trading Enterprises, requesting State Government to increase sales tax rates on non-PDS kerosene, regular and surprise inspections by oil companies, amendments of Marketing Discipline Guidelines from time to time for making penal action against the erring dealers more stringent, etc.

Import of petrol and diesel

1412. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether petrol and diesel have been imported in finished form and in crude form;